

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

1. (Previously presented) A method for handling images in a hybrid camera comprising the steps of:
 - capturing a plurality of image pairs in a camera, each said image pair having an archival image of a scene and an initial electronic image of the same scene, said archival image of each said pair having a first aspect ratio;
 - storing said initial electronic images in memory;
 - recording in association with selected image pairs of said plurality, a designation of a alternative aspect ratio different than said first aspect ratio;
 - changing said initial electronic images of said selected image pairs to respective said alternative aspect ratios to provide re-formatted electronic images without any reduction in image density; and
 - downloading said re-formatted electronic images.
2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said re-formatting further comprises adding to said initial electronic images indications of the respective said alternative aspect ratios.
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2 wherein said initial electronic images are in said first aspect ratio.
4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said initial electronic images are restorable from said re-formatted electronic images without any change in image density.
5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said first aspect ratio is a different aspect ratio than said alternative aspect ratio and said re-formatting further comprises cropping each of said initial electronic images of said selected image pairs to the respective said alternative aspect ratio to provide abridged electronic images.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein said cropping further comprises replacing in said memory, said initial electronic images of said selected image pairs with said abridged electronic images.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said abridged electronic images require less space in said memory than the initial electronic images.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said method further comprises loading a film unit including photographic film in the camera prior to said capturing; said archival images are latent images and said recording further comprises writing said designations to said film unit in association with respective said latent images of said selected image pairs.

9. (Currently amended) A method of handling images in a hybrid camera comprising:

capturing a plurality of image pairs;
storing initial ~~electronic~~ electronic images having a first geometric format in memory;
recording designations of at least one alternative geometric format;
re-formatting at least one electronic image with at least one alternative geometric ~~format~~ format;
downloading said at least one re-formatted electronic image; and
deleting said electronic images from said memory, concurrent with said downloading of said re-formatted electronic images.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said method further comprises loading a film unit in the camera prior to said capturing; and said recording further comprises writing said designations of said alternative aspect ratio to said film unit.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said recording includes writing said designations of said alternative aspect ratio to said film unit in association with respective said archival images and writing said

designations of said alternative aspect ratio to said memory in association with respective said electronic images.

12. (Previously presented) A method for handling images in a hybrid electronic-photographic film camera comprising the steps of:

capturing a plurality of image pairs in a camera, each said image pair having a latent image of a scene on photographic film and an initial electronic image of the same scene, said latent image of each said pair having a first aspect ratio;

storing said initial electronic images in memory;

assigning one of a plurality of aspect ratios formats to each of said image pairs, said plurality of aspect ratios including said first aspect ratio and one or more alternative aspect ratios, said alternative aspect ratios being different from each other and from said first aspect ratio;

re-formatting said initial electronic images to respective said aspect ratios to provide re-formatted electronic images without any reduction in image density; and

downloading said re-formatted electronic images.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12 wherein said assigning further comprises writing a designation of said alternative aspect ratios to said photographic film in association with respective said latent images.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12 wherein said re-formatting further comprises adding indications of said alternative aspect ratios to respective said initial electronic images.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12 wherein said re-formatted electronic images are in said first aspect ratio.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12 wherein said initial electronic images are restorable from said re-formatted electronic images without any change in image density.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12 wherein said re-formatting further comprises cropping respective said initial electronic images to said alternative aspect ratio without any change in image density.

18. (Previously presented) A hybrid camera for use with a film unit, said camera comprising:

- a body;

- an archival capture unit disposed in said body, said archival capture unit selectively capturing archival images in the film unit;

- a designator selectively switchable, in relation to each said archival image, among a plurality of different aspect ratios to define a selected aspect ratio for each said archival image;

- a film writer writing designations of one or more of said aspect ratios to said film unit in association with respective said archival images;

- an electronic capture unit disposed in said body, said electronic capture unit capturing initial electronic images corresponding to said archival images, said initial electronic images being in a first aspect ratio of said plurality of aspect ratios;

- memory storing said electronic images;

- an controller operatively connected to said memory and said designator, said controller re-formatting said initial electronic images to said selected aspect ratios of respective said archival images to provide re-formatted electronic images without any reduction in image density; and

- a communications port operatively connectable to said memory to download said re-formatted electronic images.

19. (Previously presented) The camera of claim 18 wherein said controller adds to said initial electronic images, indications of respective said aspect ratios.

20. (Previously presented) The camera of claim 18 wherein said controller crops said initial electronic images to respective said aspect ratios without any change in image density.